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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the IAC

The attached Production Program for the Senior Research Staff on International Communism covers the period 1 July 1956 to 30 June 1957. It is based on anticipated average strength for the staff of five senior research officers and three research assistants. Because of the nature of the projected papers, it is impossible to assign completion dates. It is possible that, as research proceeds, some of the papers may have to be dropped or substantially modified in scope. Moreover, developments during the year may indicate subjects of higher priority. It should also be noted that approximately one quarter of the Staff's time has been set aside for matters which may arise outside the scope of the basic program.

Informal discussion with a number of IAC research elements leads to the belief that the projected papers do not unnecessarily duplicate or conflict with existing research programs. SRS is prepared at any time to discuss the progress of its studies and welcomes suggestions and advice. The Staff's work will be guided by what seems to be the essential element of its mission,

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which has been described in IAC-D-99 as "in part intelligence, in part estimation, and in part speculation on policy" with respect to International Communism and means of countering it.

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Papers in Progress

1. The "Thaw" in the Cold War. This study will analyze the past phases of the Cold War and the characteristics of the present situation. It will discuss the advantages and disadvantages to the Communist movement of current developments in East-West relations and examine methods and instruments of exploiting Communist weaknesses.
2. The Relative Advantages and Disadvantages of Legal and Illegal Status of Communist Parties. This paper will analyze the conditions which should determine the policy of a non-communist government with respect to the status of a Communist party. It will review historical examples and discuss the geopolitical, economic, and sociological factors to be considered. The problems of enforcement and the requirements imposed on security services under both situations will be indicated.
3. The "Crisis" of Western European Communism. This paper will study developments in the Communist parties of Western Europe since the 20th Congress of the CPSU. It will attempt to determine whether there has in fact been a "crisis" in the

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relationship of these parties with Moscow and to project the future nature of this relationship. It will emphasize France and Italy, but will also consider the lesser CPs of the area.

4. Youth and International Communism. This study is keyed to the Communist World Youth Rally to be held in Moscow in July and August 1957. It will analyze the role of youth and youth organizations in the Communist movement. It will outline the history and the structure of the International Communist youth organizations, will discuss their current strength and vulnerabilities, and will consider their probable future usefulness as instruments of communist policy.

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Projected Papers

1. Communist Ideology as a Target for Attack. This paper will discuss and appraise the role of ideology in present-day Communist practice. It will consider the advisability of a concerted frontal attack on the chief doctrines of the Communist gospel, concentrating on Leninism. If the study indicates that such an attack might be effective, the paper will suggest the main lines on which it could be conducted.
2. Prospects for "National" or "Titoist" Communism. This study will examine the phenomenon of "national" or "Titoist" Communism, considered as a major deviation from Marxism-Leninism. It will attempt to appraise the influence of Tito on International Communism, and the prospects for a new "International" combining Communists and Socialists. It will also consider the probable reaction of Moscow to such a development.
3. The Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party of China. This study will analyze the inter-relationship and possible conflicts between the two leading Communist parties and attempt to chart their future development.

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4. Effects of the New CPSU Line on Eastern European Satellite Parties. This paper will study the impact of the 20th CPSU Congress and the denigration of Stalin on the Communist parties in the Eastern European satellites. It will speculate on future developments as they may affect satellite-Soviet and satellite-Free World relations.

5. Communism in the Uncommitted Nations of South and Southeast Asia. This paper will attempt to bring out the points of similarity and difference in the tactics of the Communist parties of this area, emphasizing India and Indonesia. It will also consider the respective roles of the Communist parties of the USSR and China in directing the activities of the local parties.

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